THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Demonstration on using plastic waste for road construction mixed with bitumen has been carried out and a few stretches of roads has been built using waste plastics in some States like Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra. It has been observed that Polymer waste blended Bitumen increases the strength and reduces bleeding of roads.

(b) to (d) The Ministry of Environment & Forests has not recieved any request to recommend for laying of roads using plastic waste and has not taken up the issue with the Ministry of Road Transport.

Development of forest villages in Uttar Pradesh

3721. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received proposals from the State Governments particularly, Uttar Pradesh for the development of forest villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the funds provided to the State Government during the last one year, particularly to Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the number of villages that have been developed/under development, so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Proposals have been received from the State Governments of Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal, Mizoram, Jharkhand and Orissa for integrated development of forest villages. No proposal has been received from the State of Uttar Pradesh in this regad.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Tribal Affairs has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 268.15 crores to the eight State Governments during 2005-06 for development of 1, 832 forest villages. Out of this an amount of Rs 191.75 crores has been released till 31.03.2006. The details of the number of forest villages and the funds released are given in Statement.

Statement

State-wise details of forest villages and the funds released

SI.No.	State No.	of forest villages	Total Sanctioned Cost of the project (Rs. in Crores)	Amount Released (Rs. in Crores)
1.	Assam	373	44.25	40.57
2.	Chhattisgarh	343	56.05	43.57
3.	Gujarat	199	26.42	19.79
4.	Madhya Pradesh	679	103.86	61.90
5.	West Bengal	170	28.03	21.04
6.	Mizoram	27	4.05	2.02
7.	Jharkhand	21	2.59	1.29
8.	Orissa	20	2.90	1.57
	TOTAL	1832	268.15	191.75

World Bank Report on opportunities for people dependant on Forests

3722. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether World Bank report has pointed out that India is unlocking opportunites for forest- dependent-people with greater community control over forest management, income from forests could rise from estimated $222 million in 2004 to approx. $2 billion per annum in 2020;

(b) whether reports indicate that community based joint forest management programme that covers 27% of the national forest areas across the country, encompassing the 85000 village communites, offers vast potential for poverty reduction and rural economic growth;

(c) if so, whether Government have considered this report; and

(d) the steps taken to implement the suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONEMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. This is the view expressed in the World Bank report.